

[Translation]

### TADA

1705. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the TADA cases registered in Jammu and Kashmir during last three years;

(b) the number of persons convicted under the said act;

(c) the number of persons arrested under TADA who were let off or have been released on bail, during the Above period;

(d) the annual expenditure incurred during the last three years in handling the TADA cases in the courts;

(e) the number of TADA accused detenus still in jails; and

(f) the number of TADA cases entrusted to the CBI and the cases which after investigations have been challaned in the court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBARAMONIYAN) : (a) to (f). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House.

### Rise in Poverty

1706. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :  
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been invited to the news-items captioned "Rise in poverty, less jobs in post-reform era Survey" appearing in the 'The Observer of Business and Politics', New Delhi dated April 16, 1996;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government to the alternative economic survey for 1995-96 so far as an increase in poverty and a drastic fall in employment growth in the post-reforms period is concerned;

(c) the steps taken to countenance the situation so far as the additional employment generation and poverty alleviation programmes are concerned;

(d) the expected average rate of generation of jobs in the post reform period as compared to the pre-reform period;

(e) whether in view of adequate supply of manpower in the country there is need for labour intensive projects; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The differences between the estimates of poverty by Planning Commission and the alternate Economic Survey are due to the differences in the methodology of estimation adopted. The Planning Commission estimates are based on the methodology given in the Report of the task Force of Projections of Minimum Need and effective Consumption Demand. However, the preliminary estimates of the incidence of poverty measure in terms of the methodology recommended by the Expert Group on Estimation of Proportion and Number of Poor, and stated to be adopted by the alternate Economic Survey, also do not show a rising trend, over the years. The estimate by this methodology was 39.9% in 1987-88 as compared to the figures of 37.52% reported in the news report. Total annual employment growth in the economy is estimated to have increased to about 7.2 million in 1994-95 as compared to 3.0 million in 1991-94.

(e) and (f). The need for a broad based regionally balanced pattern of industrialisation cannot be over emphasised in India. The more labour intensive is the pattern of growth, the more beneficial it is for the poorest segment of our society. Small and medium enterprises have a major role to play in this respect.

[English]

### Drinking Water

1707. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be please to state :

(a) the details of drinking water schemes submitted by the Government of Gujarat for water scarcity areas of Gujarat and fluoride affected villages during the last three years;

(b) the details of such scheme still pending for clearance;

(c) the details of the assistance provided or proposed to be provided for each scheme; and

(d) the time by which the remaining schemes are likely to be cleared by the Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (c). The details of drinking water schemes submitted by the Government of Gujarat and the Central assistance approved for each scheme are given in the *Statement*.

(d) Does not arise.

**STATEMENT**

S. No.	Name of project/ Scheme	Approved Cost (Rs.in lakhs)	Central Assistance (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Installation of 11 defluoridation (D.F.) Plants.	85.67	64.25
2.	Installation of 303 D.F. plants in 291 habitations.	1564.88	1173.75
3.	Installation of 3 D.F. plants.	24.773	18.68
4.	Installation of 12 D.F. plants in Mehsana district.	58.85	44.14
5.	5 rural water supply schemes for 117 habitations.	1186.53	889.90
6.	Installation of D.F. plants in 11 habitations.	89.06	66.81
7.	Rural water supply schemes for 24 habitations.	277.64	208.23
8.	Handol regional water supply scheme for 105 habitations.	3287.00	2465.25

**Smokeless Chulhas**

1708. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was proposal to provide smokeless chulhas to every rural household; and

(b) if so, the details thereof the achievement made so far and targets fixed by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) guidelines stipulate that every house constructed under the scheme is provided with a fuel efficient smokeless chulha. Accordingly, since inception till 1995-96 under IAY 29,13,503 houses have been built. Besides, the targets under IAY are fixed on year to year basis. During 1996-97, a target of 11,23,560 houses has been fixed.

**Working of CBI**

1709. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the

Central Bureau of Investigation came under attack not only from Delhi High Court but also from the hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the recent times;

(b) if so, the action taken to infuse of efficiency and honesty in the CBI;

(c) whether there is any proposal to make CBI an independent agency;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBARAMONIYAN) : (a) Government are aware that recently the High Court of Delhi in Civil Writ Petition No.789/96 dated 24.5.1996 made some critical observations on the working of the CBI. The Supreme Court confirmed the above orders of the High Court with liberty to the CBI to approach the High Court for expunction/modification of the critical remarks made against it.

(b) On the dismissal of the SLP filed before the Supreme Court against the order of the Delhi High Court in WP (Civil) No.789/96 dated 24.5.96, CBI have complied with the directions of the Delhi High Court in the matter.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The powers of the CBI are derived from the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946 (DSPE Act 1946). These powers enable the CBI to discharge its functions in the scheme of distribution of power between the Centre and the States under the Constitution.

[Translation]

**Construction of Bridges**

1710. SHRI RAJESH RAJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of proposals regarding construction of bridges on rivers in Bihar under consideration of the Union Government; and

(b) the time by which the said proposals are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.